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My dear Friend I seize the opportunity which my brother's return affords, to thank you for the letter which he brought to me, & to reproach you for withholding the one which Mr. Hoovey did not bring.

It was however so kind of you to write that I am disposed to be very forgiving and only wish that I could requite your kindness as it deserves. I fear however that the limited time which is allowed me for all my letters will render them all very unsatisfactory. My brother's passage is engaged in the steamer of the 16<sup>th</sup> but our friend Anne Knight goes to England sooner than we thought & will take our letters, so we must write earlier & more briefly than we wish to save our postage. I am glad to find that after the first of Jan-

The pashays in France will be only four  
sons - I shall then send long letters by the  
sailing packets -

One should be able to write interesting  
letters from Paris at this time, but we have  
little time to observe even if we knew  
"how to observe". Our time is so entirely  
occupied by the children's preparations for  
their various masters & I am so much  
engaged in the endeavor to familiarize  
myself with the language - that the  
short days of this dark season are entire-  
ly occupied - We are becoming very  
well acquainted with Paris - in fact  
I feel now nearly as much at home  
here as in Boston. I am more & more  
charmed with it as my acquaintance  
increases. I now find that I really  
have not the power of seeing, on my  
first arrival & know that my powers  
of perception have grown greatly since  
by the increased pleasurable appearance  
by all the splendours around me.

When we first came here in  
September the days were long &  
fine and we saw a great deal of the

city & its environs. Although we did but<sup>2</sup>  
begin to explore as our first object was  
to find a quiet home where we could  
have the children settled to their stud-  
ies for the winter. We succeeded in find-  
ing a pleasant & accomplished as well  
as thoroughly good French family, where  
we are very comfortable & which alone  
offers every facility for learning modern  
languages - French, Danish, Spanish Ital-  
ian & German are all spoken fluently here.  
We find few well educated persons here  
who do not speak several languages.

We find our French much more ser-  
viceable than I at least had expected &  
Mami has only to revive her old habit  
of speaking - We are studying Italian  
with great vigor, hoping to visit Italy be-  
fore our return. I hear to day that the  
Pope has taken sanctuary on board  
of a French steamer & is coming to Paris  
directly - The Chamber has decided  
that he comes in his spiritual & not  
in his temporal character it is said  
that he is to be lodged at the Guillems  
& that his presence will create a great  
sensation. I was thinking of our leaving

Something of Paris during the first month  
of our abode here - We shall see little  
more until we have more fine weather  
a & day light - The rains are now  
so frequent that one can walk very  
little & the winter must be given to  
study & as much society as we can  
find time for -

Rachel has had some misunderstanding-  
ing with the Theatre Francaise & has gone  
it is said to Italy although it was  
expected that she would play here  
through the winter - I regret the more  
that she should have gone without our  
seeing her as it was my fault - I wished  
to defer seeing her until I could thorough-  
ly enjoy her declamation - She will return  
however & I shall not let another opportu-  
nity pass - The Italian Opera is in diffi-  
culty pecuniary & I doubt whether we  
have that much longer -

I am glad that you like Paris  
so much, You will understand me  
& not receive it as a mere phrase  
when I say it is the most delightful  
place in the world - so much of  
beauty, grandeur, elegance, manners

you see - one finds studies in every street  
a story is built in every wall - at his long  
in every palace - there but could  
never feel alone & never be occupied  
The age is not satisfied with being  
not the one filled with things  
would gladly give a fresh touch  
of the great churches - the pleasure  
of walking through the dome, the  
Dennis - Notre Dame de la  
Luce & the Madeleine - it is  
a luxury of which I am never weary  
to walk down the Madeleine, or  
across the flight of steps in front -  
look down & around - through  
the royal dead - the  
the entrance to the Chamber of Deputies -  
I then go the way of the  
through the lower number which  
is even at this season - the  
most beautiful flowers & plants  
is held twice every week just in  
the Madeleine - one can see  
passing through galleries of pictures &  
Mummies & Museums in Indian possession  
it is difficult to believe that there are  
any more of these things in the world  
than there are in the world  
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to feel as life should be longer -  
I have been many times at the  
long gallery of the house yet  
feel as if I have been nothing  
at home to find a great many of  
the long gallery days there is the  
continually of the pleasure of  
home in the morning & in the  
treasures of life I can hardly be con-  
solate for his absence from us  
when his presence is so much  
accorded to expect to see him  
in company as a friend of heart  
to show against the removal of any  
mis-advantages - for that is  
very hard - hope for very many to  
extract from the smallest quantity  
from the value of American abolition  
is in the hands of the most  
a most noble way with you  
for the sake of the cause of you & Mrs  
Mary Ann Come the whole of you  
the names of the names of the names  
that you have girls may be to the  
Is there no prospect of it? we should

enjoy so much a part of your position in the  
 pleasure with which you would spend a  
 Paris. I am not so far as if I had been at all  
 separated from home, & have received  
 from you a most interesting & so precise  
 that I should be quite able to give  
 you as if I had never been absent. I have  
 a most interesting & so precise  
 as the pen of the hand as possible  
 feel a most interesting & so precise  
 below. I should have been on them  
 to have this year under the  
 many other things. I have  
 been now to have good a good one. I have  
 some. I should have just written  
 to my dear man & he would have  
 in letter that the contents from  
 Glasgow & Edinburgh are more  
 able & beautiful than ever before.  
 I should have also sent the box from  
 Boston. I find that the  
 names in Manchester & London  
 have done their contributions to  
 Rochester. I have been from  
 for the first time. I have been  
 usual amount of help will go from  
 increased his

Ireland & Boston - All will be  
easier at the Fair if there are abundant  
contributions & crowns of sitting & literary  
purchasers - The last condition of success  
has never yet existed in any of our  
fairs - I am not without hope  
that the special movement may  
have produced an impression upon  
the community which will be valua-  
ble to the cause - Taylor is to be  
President. I should think that  
to the friends of the cause the hosts of  
the great party would need some  
consolation, & that he is going to  
show General Hall to heart not only  
the truth, but the whole truth.  
When the time of trial comes I must  
ask you to remember me. I  
think I shall be magnificently pres-  
ent. I do not fail to remember our friends  
who "live with us at Worcester" - that  
it might not be wise to adopt the vig-  
orous course of action which was so  
highly successful there - I once  
heard Wendell say with great effect  
in regard to our Anti-Slavery cause  
that our measure "is divine & reverently  
asked to be blessed of heaven"